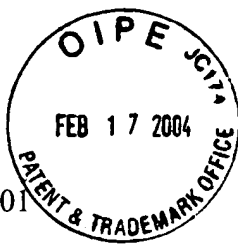


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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents, which were cited in parent application 09/736,284, filed on December 15, 2000, by the Applicant in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 20, 2003 or by the Examiner, to the attention of the Examiner:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H03-101083, which was published on October 22, 1991, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

U.S. Patent No. 5,877,802 to TAKAHASHI et al., which issued on March 2, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,243,416 to NAKAZAWA, which issued on September 7, 1993;

U.S. Patent No. 5,995,140 to COOPER et al., which issued on November 30, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 6,246,432 to TAKAMI et al., which issued on June 12, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 6,191,814 to ELBERBAUM, which issued on February 20, 2001;

U.S. Patent No. 4,884,134 to TSUIJI et al., which issued on November 28, 1989;

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U.S. Patent No. 5,335,662 to KIMURA et al., which issued on August 9, 1994; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,305,098 to MATSUNAKA et al., which issued on April 19, 1994.

In addition, Applicant also calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 6,348,035 to TAKAMI, which issued on February 19, 2002; and

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/007468 to SUGIMOTO et al., which published on July 12, 2001.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and cite all of the above-noted documents and to make the documents of record in the instant application.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. published patent application are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicant notes that copies of the documents cited in the parent application were submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed therein on March 20, 2003. Accordingly, pursuant to the procedure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (d), the Examiner is invited to review and consider these documents in the parent application.

For the convenience of the Examiner, the documents cited in the parent application are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form, as are the newly cited U.S. patent and U.S. patent publication. The Examiner is requested to initial the PTO-1449 Form in the appropriate spaces to indicate consideration of these documents.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the present application,
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